

REMARKS

Claims 24-26, indicated as being allowable by the Examiner, are the sole claims remaining in this application. Claims 1-23 and 27-31 have been withdrawn, without prejudice, and are intended to be filed in due course in a continuation application. Reconsideration and re-examination are requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments made hereinafter.

Rejection of claims 1,3, 4, 8, 27 and 28 for obviousness

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 27 and 28 for obviousness over Enander United States Patent 5,025,985 in view of Akkala United States Patent 6,283,067.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 27 and 28 have been withdrawn, without prejudice.

Rejection of claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 for obviousness

The Examiner rejects claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 for obviousness on the basis of the aforementioned Enander and Akkala references.

Claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 have been withdrawn in today's response, without prejudice.

Rejection of claims 9, 10 and 11 for obviousness

The Examiner rejects claims 9, 10 and 11 for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on the basis of aforementioned Enander in view of aforementioned Akkala in view of Moore, Jr. et al United States Patent 4,925,093.

Claims 9, 10 and 11 have been withdrawn in today's amendment, without prejudice.

Rejection of claim 29 for obviousness

The Examiner rejects claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Enander in view of aforementioned Akkala.

Claim 29 has been withdrawn, without prejudice.

Allowable subject matter recited in claims 24-26

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in respect of claims 24-26. These claims remain in unamended form.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Re-consideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections is requested and allowance of claims 24-26 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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